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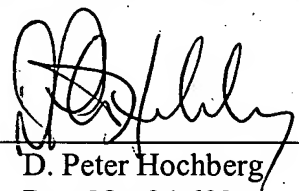
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. As two of the cited references are U.S. patents, copies are not enclosed in accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) published in the *Official Gazette* of August 5, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with the filing of the present application, and therefore before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits of the present application.

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The Examiner is requested to make the attached references of record and to consider these references along with such other references deemed pertinent as a result of the Examiner's own independent search and examination.

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U.S. Patent Documents

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Filing Date
_____	6,063,158		Sharp et al.	
_____	6,083,730		Kohr	

Foreign Patent Documents

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_____	CL 40,891 ***		Chile	

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